The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent

Mission Statement

We the Roman Catholic community of St. Mary's, united in the Eucharist and under the guidance of St. Mary of the Assumption, strengthen our faith by praising God, proclaiming His word, sharing His love with all people and serving those in need.

St. Mary: Pray for Us

Rev. Stephen A. Carey, *Pastor*
Rev. Thomas Pendrick, *Parochial Vicar*
Rev. Patrick W. Donohue, *In-Residence*
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Online giving: WeShare
stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com.

Eucharistic Liturgy

Saturday Eve: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 7:45 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm
Holydays (except Saturday): 7:00 am, 8:45 am, & 7:30 pm
Weekdays: Monday - Friday 7:00 am & 8:45 am
Saturday: 8:30 am
Holiday: 9:00 am on Major Civil Holidays

Religious Devotions

Miraculous Medal Novena: Saturday following 8:30 am Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
First Friday of the month, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm, in the upper church.

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 pm
Private confessions at any time. Please call the parish office.

Sacrament of Marriage

Common policy of the Archdiocese of Newark asks that arrangements be made one year in advance. Engaged couples must call to make an appointment to speak to a priest.

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents should register for the Baptism Preparation Program at the rectory...even before the baby is born!

Catechumenate

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which adults (and children who have reached the age of reason) are prepared to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. If you, or someone you know, would like to inquire about becoming a Catholic, please call the parish office.

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is available to be celebrated with anyone in need. Please do not wait until death is imminent to contact the parish regarding an ill family member. Eucharistic Ministers and others serve our community by visiting and bringing Communion to the sick and homebound. Please call the parish office if you wish such a visit.

Saturday	**Nov. 27 - Vigil**
5:30PM	Bob Trennes
Sunday	**Nov. 28 - First Sunday of Advent**
7:45AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM	Edward Reilly
12 Noon	Rosica Family
Monday	**Nov. 29 - Advent Weekday**
7:00AM	Janos Szabo
8:45AM	Cecil Pascual
Tuesday	**Nov. 30 - St. Andrew**
7:00AM	Elizabeth Sylvester
8:45AM	Andrea M. Banzil
Wednesday	**Dec. 1 - Advent Weekday**
7:00AM	Carol McGuire
8:45AM	Janos Szabo
Thursday	**Dec. 2 - Advent Weekday**
7:00AM	Elizabeth Sylvester
8:45AM	Patrocinio Quijano
Friday	**Dec. 3 - St. Francis Xavier**
7:00AM	Carol McGuire
8:45AM	Michael Lindsell
Saturday	**Dec. 4 - Advent Weekday**
8:30AM	Eileen and Dennis Griffin (Living)
5:30PM	Michael, James and John Sullivan
Sunday	**Dec. 5 - Second Sunday of Advent**
7:45AM	Connie Campbell
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Donald Lostumbo

In Loving Memory

The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Angelina Uvenio requested by Frank Uvenio.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of the Rosica Family.

We ask your prayers for our recently deceased Marie A. Eisler, Dorothea Boettger, Marie Pugliese and Patricia Ann Mastroeni.

2022 Available Offerings

Bread and Wine:

Jan. 16 & 30; Feb. 13; Mar. 13 & 20; Apr. 3; May 1 & May 8; July 3, 10 & 17; Aug. 7 & 28; Sept. 4, 11 & 18; Oct. 9 & 23; Nov. 20 & 27; Dec 4, 11 & 18.

Sanctuary Lamp:

Jan. 16 & 30; Feb. 13; Mar. 6 & 13; Apr. 3, 10, 17 & Apr. 24; May 1 & 22; June 5 & 12; Jul 31; Aug. 28; Sept. 4, 11 & 18; Oct. 9.

Stewardship Reflection

By David Baranowski

1st Sunday of Advent

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." (*LUKE 21:28*)

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those closest to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.

Prayer Of The Faithful

By David Baranowski

That we have the courage to share our faith story with others and accompany them on their journey.

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From the Pastor

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As we light the first candle of our Advent wreath, we mark the beginning of a new liturgical year. As we mark this beginning, we are all praying for an ending; the end of the covid crisis. Last year when we began the Advent season, we were all praying for vaccines that we hoped would make covid go away. Now, we have the vaccines and yet we still struggle with a virus that has changed our way of life.

We question when and if we need to wear a mask. We ask who should get booster shots. There are those who still do not believe that the vaccines are safe and effective. And we confront the reality of breakthrough infections in those who are fully vaccinated. It seems that covid is the gift that keeps on giving.

As we light a single candle, let us all remember that Christ is the true light that shines in the darkness. Let us pray that Christ will show us how to protect ourselves and our loved ones as we live in the shadow of the covid virus. As we go through the busyness of the next few weeks, preparing to celebrate the Birth of our Savior, let us remember that Advent is a time of prayerful waiting and watching for the coming of Christ. It's a time to prepare our hearts to receive the greatest gift that God has given us; his only begotten Son.

DEANERY PENANCE SERVICES

To help us all prepare for the celebration of Christmas, the priests of our Deanery will come together each Monday evening of Advent to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There will be several priests each evening to hear confessions. Details can be found on the posters in Church. The schedule is as follows:

Monday, November 29 at 7:00 pm
Our Lady of the Visitation in Paramus
Monday, December 6 at 7:00pm
Ascension Church in New Milford
Monday, December 13 at 7:00pm
Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Tenafly
Monday, December 20 at 7:00pm
St. Joseph Church in New Milford

Confessions will still be heard here at St. Mary's each Saturday at 4:00pm

Fr. Carey

Serving in the Military

We ask God to keep in his care all those who are serving overseas in our armed forces. They are listed below and we ask your prayers for them.

John Eckel III..Jaelon Magat..Sean Flanagan
Steven Serpa...Brian Manley...James Francis Ward
Christopher Smaldone...Steve Sullivan...John Murray
Brandon Barhydt...Joseph Ament...Jeffrey Steiner
Anthony Dunkin...Brandon Dellner...Bobby Dellner

Pray for Our Sick

John Ramzi...Rose O'Shea...Sean Hayes
James Carney...Hector Montero.....Scott Tkacz
Tom Phelan...James Pellettere...Skylar Frye
Anthony Montagnino...Sandy Tolentino...Cris Kelly
George DiCostanzo...Myra D'Silva...Elaine Haddad
Angela Darata...Dennis Murray...Gabriel Pappas
Nancy Caggiano...Joseph Pierre-Antoine...Annette
Eric Granada...Mr. & Mrs. Joe Paquiz...SSND Wilton
Kristi Carbonaro...Frank Uvenio...Carol Anne Barry
Joseph Vaccaro...Dorothy Peterson...Diane Lang
Barbara Castaldi...Nicholas Ippolito...Jim Nicholas
Tina Fortalesa...Peter Fiumefreddo...Frank Martin
Tienne Myers...James Hughes...Hector Montero, Jr.
Barbara Leahy...Pasquale Tedesco...Arvin Erd
Mary Ann Ragone..Patricia Adone..Michael Falcone
Rolando Joaquin...Kevin Rainey

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JWalk Wreath Pick-up

If you ordered Wreath or Blanket from our Youth Group, the contactless Drive-Thru pickup at the rectory garage is on Saturday, December 4th, between 9:00am and 11:00am.

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God's Plan for Giving:

"The measure of your free-will offering shall be in proportion to the blessing the Lord, your God, has bestowed on you."
(Deuteronomy 16:10)

Since we have to send the bulletin early, the Collections and Weekly On Line Giving for Nov. 20 - 21 will be in next week's bulletin.

There are also other ways to support the parish by using our On-Line Giving: WeShare. The link is **stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com** or you can call your bank if they can do on-line payment on your behalf.

Please check St. Mary's website for the WeShare Donor Match Program.

We greatly appreciate your continued support to St. Mary's.

PACT/Religious Education Program

PACT Schedules and Contact Information

Please refer to color-coded schedules which were mailed to your home for the dates of PACT sessions (on the front of the page) and assignments due (on the back). Feel free to call or e-mail in advance of your session with any questions you may have regarding sessions or other scheduled meetings. If you are not receiving e-mails from us and our e-mails do not appear in your spam or junk mail folders, take a moment to provide us with an e-mail which accepts religioused@stmarysdumont.org as a sender.

2021-22 PACT Program Year: Gathering Safely/COVID Protocol Agreement

PACT parents- signed COVID protocol agreements are required for families to participate in activities here at St. Mary's whether we are meeting in the church or school building. If you have not done so, return your printed and signed gathering safely meeting protocol agreement (on blue paper) which was distributed last month. We thank you for your vigilance ensuring that our time together is as safe as possible.

First Penance/Reconciliation/Confession Preparation

First Penance will be celebrated with our candidates and their families the first weekend of December. Please pray that First Reconciliation will be a time of grace for our candidates, their families, and our entire parish community.

Return to Religious Education

We are in the process of helping our parish children stay on track with their Religious Education. Has your family been away from Religious Education? Contact us. Do you know a Catholic family with children who should be participating in Religious Education? Refer them to us at this time. Call us at (201) 384-0557 ext. 20 or e-mail religioused@stmarysdumont.org

New Parents/Families

To inquire about Religious Education and preparing for the sacraments, call or e-mail us at (201) 384-0557 ext. 20 or religioused@stmarysdumont.org for more information. Parents of families new to us attend an orientation appointment here at St. Mary's. Registration and participation at St. Mary's parish is required.

Confirmation Parent and Candidate Meeting 11/29/2021

Opening meetings for Confirmation candidates and their parents and/or sponsors will be held Monday, November 29th at 7:00 p.m. in the church. A letter has been sent via regular mail regarding the meeting. If you do not receive a letter via regular mail, and your child is scheduled to receive Confirmation this year, call us or e-mail religioused@stmarysdumont.org

SAINT MARY'S CHURCH
STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENSES
July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

OPERATING REVENUES	Year Ending 6/30/2021	Year Ending 6/30/2020
SUNDAY & HOLY DAYS	390,883	399,096
CHRISTMAS	29,403	38,343
EASTER	23,363	16,217
GIFTS & DONATIONS: (Bequest, Restricted, Other)	95,941	99,623
FUND RAISING NET	38,344	29,287
INVESTMENT INTEREST	6,450	5,315
RENTAL INCOME	101,173	196,048
ADDITIONAL REVENUES: (Candles, Ads, Other)	46,663	48,613
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	**732,220**	**832,542**
OPERATING EXPENSES		
SALARIES & BENEFITS	575,469	593,420
CONTRACTED SERVICES (Copiers, Snow Plowing, Alarms)	25,434	26,056
PLANT RELATED: (Repairs, Insurance, Care of Grounds)	50,106	60,181
UTILITIES	93,175	92,922
SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT: (Books, Cleaning Supplies, Computers)	33,937	45,733
GENERAL: (Rectory Provisions, Religious Education)	40,209	43,498
ASSESSMENT	86,556	96,984
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	**904,886**	**958,794**
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	**(172,666)**	**(126,252)**
EXTRAORDINARY REVENUES & EXPENSES		
SBA PPP LOAN - FORGIVEN	90,647	0
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN REVENUE	3,000	197,761
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN EXPENSES	648	246,482
TOTAL SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	**(79,667)**	**(174,973)**

As required by the Archdiocese, this week's bulletin includes our Annual Report on the financial state of the parish. You will note that St. Mary's operating deficit has increased as a result of the loss of rental income. In large part, this loss in rental income is a result of the flood caused by a broken pipe in our school building. We are working hard to increase this rental income. At the same time, we are seeking ways to increase our fund raising efforts. As you can see from the report, we are also working hard to reduce our operating expenses.

As our parish emerges from the covid crisis, we are seeking ways to ensure that St. Mary's operates with a balanced budget. The fact that we are doing as well as we are is thanks to the generosity of our parishioners. I thank you for continued support of St. Mary's and I ask for your prayers as we move forward.

Advent Giving Tree – The Nurturing Place (York Street Project)

It seems early but we got an email from The Nurturing Place wanted to know if we are "still willing and able to assist them" to their Christmas celebration and we responded "YES" that we will help them.

The Nurturing Place still have very restrictive regulations so they are approaching the Christmas season the same as last year. Their goal is to still assist with a little "Christmas Magic" the best way they can. The Gift Cards worked out so well last year and they hope to continue this tradition in 2021.

They have about 60+ children, in addition to approximately 35-40 moms they hope to assist this year.

Based on the past generosity of the people of St. Mary's, we would like to ask once again for gift cards donations so that we may help the Nurturing Place prepare for Christmas this year. The following is the list of suggested gift cards we are asking you to provide (any amount which you feel is affordable is appreciated):

Please drop off your donation(s) marked Giving Tree on the envelope to the parish office or to the collection boxes by **Wednesday, Dec. 8th.**

St. Mary's Altar and Rosary Society
Annual Christmas Party

Madeleine's Petit Paris

416 Tappan Road,
Northvale, NJ 07647

Tel.: (201) 767-0063

Sunday, December 12, 2021 ~~ 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Appetizer
Onion Soup
Cassonada

Lunch
Chicken Marsala
Grilled Salmon
Beef Bourguignon

Dessert
Profiteroles
Apple Tart
Coffee/Tea

$50.00 Per Person / Cash Bar / Soft Drinks included
Please return form by Tuesday, November 30, 2021 **NEW Due Date**

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Name
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Telephone
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Number of Reservations_____
Amount Enclosed_____ _____ check _____cash

Please return form to Parish Office
Questions – Kathy Mullins (201) 310-1159
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